

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A process for the production of Factor VIII protein

comprising:

- a) preparing a modified Factor VIII cDNA wherein said Factor VIII cDNA is modified by deletion of the B-domain encoded sequence and insertion of the truncated Factor IX intron 1 (SEQ ID NO: 9) in one or more splice sites of the Factor VIII cDNA;
- b) introducing the modified Factor VIII cDNA into a cell; and
- c) expressing the modified Factor VIII cDNA in said cell to produce Factor VIII protein.

8. (Currently Amended) A process for the production of Factor VIII protein

comprising:

- a) preparing a modified Factor VIII cDNA wherein said Factor VIII cDNA is modified by replacement of the B-domain encoded sequence with nucleotides encoding four arginines and insertion of the truncated Factor IX intron 1 (SEQ ID NO: 9) in one or more splice sites of the Factor VIII cDNA;
- b) introducing the modified Factor VIII cDNA into a cell; and
- c) expressing the modified Factor VIII cDNA in said cell to produce Factor VIII protein.

9. **(Previously presented)** The process as claimed in claim 7, wherein at least one insertion site of the truncated Factor IX intron 1 is chosen from Factor VIII intron 1 splice site, Factor VIII intron 12 splice site, and Factor VIII intron 13 splice site.

10. **(Previously presented)** The process as claimed in claim 8, wherein at least one insertion site of the truncated Factor IX intron 1 is chosen from Factor VIII intron 1 splice site, Factor VIII intron 12 splice site, and Factor VIII intron 13 splice site.

11. **(Cancelled)**